

Amendments to the Claims:

1 (previously presented): An adhesive comprising acrylic microspheres and a binder component, said binder component comprising a first binder and a second binder, wherein the ratio of said first binder to said second binder is 1:10 to 20:1, said first and second binders having glass transition temperatures, Tgs, separated by at least about 20°C.

2 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein said first binder and said second binder have Tgs separated by at least about 60°C.

3 (previously presented): The adhesive of claim 1 comprising from about 1% to about 60% on a dry wt basis of said binder component.

4 (previously presented): The adhesive of claim 3 comprising from about 5% to about 20% on a dry wt basis of said binder component.

5. Canceled.

6 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 wherein at least one of said binders is an emulsion polymer binder.

7 (previously presented): The adhesive of claim 6 wherein the emulsion polymer binder is a pressure sensitive adhesive binder.

8 (original): The adhesive of claim 1 which is a removable adhesive.

9 (original): The adhesive of claim 8 which is a repositionable adhesive.

10 (currently amended): A method of modifying the tack and/or ~~and-or~~ peel properties of an adhesive composition comprising acrylic microspheres and a first binder, said method comprising adding to said adhesive composition a modifying binder wherein the glass transition temperature, T_g , of the first binder and the modifying binder are separated by at least about 20°C , wherein the modifying binder is added in an amount effective to modify tack and/or peel properties.

11. Canceled

12 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein the first binder has a T_g at least about 20°C lower than the modifying binder.

13 (original): The method of claim 10 wherein the first binder has a T_g at least about 20°C higher than the modifying binder.

14 (previously presented): An adhesive modified by the method of claim 10.

15. (previously presented): An article of manufacture prepared using the adhesive of claim 14.

16 (previously presented): The article of claim 15 which is a disposable absorbent garment.

17 (previously presented): The article of claim 15 which is a food contact label.

18 (previously presented): The method of claim 12 wherein the first binder has a Tg of below about -20° C and the modifying binder has a Tg above about 40° C.

19 (previously presented): A method of tailoring a microsphere adhesive for a desired predetermined intended use, said method comprising adjusting the ratio of a first binder to a second binder to give tack and peel properties required for an intended use, said first binder and said second binder having glass transition temperatures, Tgs, separated by at least about 20°C.

20 (currently amended): The method of claim 19 ~~17~~ wherein the first binder has a Tg of below about -20°C and the second binder has a Tg above about 40°C.